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SUBJ: MOROCCAN CANDIDATE FOR UNESCO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

REF: MOROCCAN MFA NOTE NO. 2/2899

1. VIA A JULY 26 DIPLOMATIC NOTE, GOM HAS REQUESTED US SUPPORT FOR THE CANDIDACY OF MOHAMED EL FASSI TO MEMBERSHIP ON UNSECO'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. UNESCO ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD DURING THAT ORGANIZATION'S TWENTIETH GENERAL CONFERENCE.

2. EL FASSI, 70, HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN UNESCO AFFAIRS SINCE MOROCCAN INDEPENDENCE IN 1956. HE WAS A MEMBER OF ITS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (1958-66) AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THAT COUNCIL FOR TWO YEARS (1964-66). EL FASSI WAS ALSO TWICE GOM MINISTER OF EDUCATION (1953-58 AND 1968-71) AND SERVED AS RECTOR OF MOROCCO'S UNIVERSITIES (1958-68). HE IS A PROLIFIC WRITER AND PARTICIPATES IN A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. EL FASSI WAS A TUTOR TO KING HASSAN FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS IN THE 1950'S AND SINCE 1973 HE HAS BEEN A PROFESSOR TO THE ROYAL FAMILY.

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3. EL FASSI TRAVELED TO THE UNITED STATES AS AN IV GRANTEE IN 1959 AND 1965. HE RECEIVED AN HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT DURING THIS SECOND VISIT. EL FASSI WAS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE MOROCCAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION IN 1974. HE TRAVELED TO MOSCOW THAT YEAR TO SIGN A MOROCCAN-SOVIET CULTURAL ACCORD.

4. GOM DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND ACCOMPANYING BIOGRAPHIC  
REPORT WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPT.MOFFAT

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